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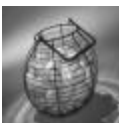
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand into all outlets was light to fairly good. Supplies were usually sufficient to fully adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited to short for a light to occasionally fairly good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were higher for all sizes. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with check and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to at times moderate for the tight offerings. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules were full time to reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	69-72			
LARGE	65-74	67-70	LARGE	47-56	51
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47	MEDIUM	24-30	28
			SMALL	7-11	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were usually adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the fairly good demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	68-82	73-77
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales ranged light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight for the light to at times moderate demand. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules were full time to reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75.5-84	77-80
LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
MEDIUM	49.5-58	51-54

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited and held with confidence for the fairly good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for a fair to at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-82	76-79
LARGE	72-80	74-77
MEDIUM	46-55	48-52

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	56-60

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	74-76
LARGE	71-79	72-74
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4 higher than last Monday with California up 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand light to moderate, best to cover features. Offerings adequate to ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 10% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate to ample. Small benchmark price 69.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	122
EXTRA LARGE	118
LARGE	112
MEDIUM	89

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-259	LARGE	
MEDIUM	189-239	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 24, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 17, 2006 were 313,020 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	270,339	42,681	313,020

% change from the prior week.....	-9	+0	-8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings tight to short of needs. Schedules full-time to reduced. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-35	31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-21	17-19
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
20-MAR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.10
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was about fair to moderate at best for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
20-MAR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.63
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MARCH 20, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.6	23.8	10.1	13.6	15.1
	Change	0.6	3.2	0.6	1.1	1.6
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.6	54.4	14.0	31.7	52.4
	Change	3.6	6.6	3.9	2.1	5.9
Large	Curr Wk	53.4	160.6	93.5	134.8	135.9
	Change	16.1	22.9	17.2	30.4	-3.0
Medium	Curr Wk	14.5	49.7	20.1	23.4	29.7
	Change	2.5	-6.9	-2.9	4.0	-0.4
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	13.0	1.4	5.2	4.6
	Change	-0.5	0.6	-2.4	0.2	-0.3
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	23.5	10.0	11.4	4.1
	Change	-0.9	0.6	-1.2	0.7	-1.0
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.8	54.1	26.3	35.7	35.7
	Change	9.3	5.0	1.1	11.2	8.5
Total	Curr Wk	142.0	379.1	175.4	255.8	277.5
Percent	Change	28%	9%	10%	24%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1229.8	13%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	234.9	10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1464.7	12%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 06, 2006

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MARCH 06, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 17, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 16.25**FUTURE LOADS** 4.00**TOTAL LOADS** 20.25

TOTALS								TOTALS							
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	LOADS
GL W XL	—	—		—	63.00	48.20	—	9.00	GL W XL	53.00	57.00		—	—	4.75
GL W LG	—	—		—	—	46.00	49.50	5.25	GL W LG	—	—		—	—	4.00
GL W MD	—	—		—	—	31.25	—	4.00	GL W MD	32.00	36.00		—	—	5.25

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/13/06-03/17/06**CURRENT LOADS** 72.50**FUTURE LOADS** 76.25**TOTAL LOADS** 148.75

CURRENT LOADS      7/1/00								TOTAL LOADS      7/1/00								
SE				NE		MW		LOADS	SC				NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	51.17	58.00	51.50	53.20	—	50.75	45.00	GNR W 1	—	59.36	—	71.50	—	—	29.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	
GL W J	—	—	67.50	69.00	50.44	—	5.00	GL W J	53.80	—	—	—	—	64.00	7.75	
GL W XL	—	69.40	63.17	64.68	49.22	52.40	43.00	GL W XL	53.00	61.57	—	—	—	60.62	8.25	
GL W LG	—	66.52	—	66.50	49.21	49.50	55.00	GL W LG	62.25	67.56	—	71.47	—	65.79	44.50	
GL W MD	44.00	38.00	37.50	38.50	32.17	37.67	21.25	GL W MD	32.00	36.00	—	—	—	41.31	8.25	
GL W SM	23.06	26.06	22.60	25.15	—	22.00	10.00	GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	—	24.00	1.00	
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	2.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	68.00	72.00	.25	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	10.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	71.75	—	—	2.00	
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	27.50	4.00	NRBS - 48	26.50	—	—	—	—	28.00	12.00	

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/13/06	03/06/06	03/14/05
PACIFIC COAST	79	86	336
LOS ANGELES	73	84	326

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are well balanced on larger sizes. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	92.86
LARGE	90.86
MEDIUM	65.86
SMALL	48.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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